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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, OTRA, IT

SUBJ: MILAN DELEGATION ATTENDING LA SCALA OPENING

REF: MILAN 1931

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY DIR GENERAL FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT MFA THAT GOI IS CONCERNED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR THE MILAN CITY DELEGATION VISITING US FOR LA SCALA OPENING NOT INVOLVE TOP LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR NATIONAL POLITICAL FIGURES. CONCERN STEMS FROM FACT THAT THE MILAN CITY ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO CONSULT FONMIN ABOUT TRAVEL PLANS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANDREOTTI PERSONALLY HAS EMPHASIZED THE VIEW EXPRESSED ABOVE. HIGH FONMIN SOURCE STRESSED TO EMBASSY THAT ENTIRE VISIT OF MILAN DELEGATION SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A STRICTLY CITY-TO-CITY BASIS.

2. REVIEW OF SHCHEDULE CONTAINED REFTEL INDICATES THAT VISIT OF MILAN DELEGATION IS ALREADY HEAVILY ORIENTED TOWARD APPROPRIATE EXCHANGES WITH AMERICAN CITY AUTHORITIES ON MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS AND MAYOR POGNOLI'S APPOINTMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT IS CLEARLY APPROPRIATE.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF THE MILAN DELEGATION BE KEPT IN MIND. ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES OR ADDITIONS
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INVOLVING NATIONAL POLITICAL FIGURES OR WHICH WOULD TEND TO

PORTRAY THE DELEGATION AS HAVEING OFFICIAL GOI STATUS SHOULD
BE AVOIDED. BEAUDRY

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